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Family fun



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Child development center staffer Teri Johnsrud plays with her 1-year-old daughter, Tori Pearson, during the center's Family Fun Day Nov. 19. Tori's dad is Senior Master Sgt. Tony Pearson, 334th Training Squadron. For more pictures, see Page 14.

Year of the Air Force Family

Force management measures outlined for 2010 fiscal year

By Daniel Elkins

Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials have announced measures to meet the fiscal 2010 end strength of 331,700, requiring personnel management actions to reduce the force by about 3,700 officers and enlisted members through voluntary and involuntary early separation and retirement programs.

A weakened economy has lead to an increased retention rate and force management measures are needed to strategically balance skills and abilities as well as reduce a projected \$228 million personnel funding shortfall, officials said.

Force management measures are aimed to reduce the end strength by 2,074 officers and 1,633 enlisted members. Officials believe they can achieve the enlisted end-strength goal but anticipate that actions to reduce the number of officers may only attain about 900 of the more than 2,000 needed.

“As the Air Force continues to support requirements of combatant commanders in a time of war, it's essential that it follows a comprehensive force management plan to provide the necessary manpower and bring relief to those critically manned career fields,” said Col. Joan Garbutt, director of

force management policy at the Pentagon.

Colonel Garbutt added that the service is also held to a fiduciary responsibility in meeting its congressionally mandated end-strength.

“Whenever the Air Force exceeds its authorized end strength, there's a cost to pay that was not programmed for in the budget,” she said. “That places the burden on its leaders to vigilantly consider all options in any approach to reduce the number of personnel while striking a balance with retaining the right skills.”

Plans for an enlisted date of separation rollback combined with a reduction in Air Force specialty quotas for Airmen who fail to complete initial technical training are expected to achieve the enlisted goal. Enlisted members affected for the date of separation rollback impacts those with fewer than 14 or more than 20 years of service as of April 30, 2010. The criteria for the DOS rollback will be based on certain re-enlistment eligibility codes and/or assignment availability codes. DOS dates can be no later than April 30, 2010, and retirement dates no later than May 1, 2010.

A number of personnel measures will be taken to reduce the number of officers needed; however, officials

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10 principles Cyber Wingman must know

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Every day, malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks attack Air Force computers hardware, software and the Internet. They infiltrate classified information and compromise national security. In response, the Air Force is stepping up its mission to defend cyberspace.

Cyberspace adversaries attack Department of Defense computer networks every day. They range from individual hackers, criminal organizations and terrorists, to nation states. Though they aren't successful the majority of the time, they have stolen classified information from networks and computers, including future weapon systems, logistics information and Airmen's personal information.

Mission success is the goal of protecting networks from attack. In August, Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz outlined steps the Air Force is taking to centralize this mission. He said that those steps are just the beginning.

"To make significant progress we must also change the way we think about the cyberspace domain," General Schwartz wrote to Air Force

members in a service-wide email.

The most common way of getting information is phishing. This attack targets the weakest link in network security — the user. It involves sending e-mails containing attachments and linked Web sites that appear legitimate. Phishing tricks Airmen into downloading malicious code which provides a door into that network or computer from remote locations. Phishing happens at work or home.

"Applying our Wingmen in the cyberspace domain gives us a powerful advantage — every Airman is a defender in cyberspace," said General C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander.

The activation of 24th Air Force helps define Air Force requirements and establishes training standards for cyber warriors. The next step is to educate every Airman about the Cyber Wingman campaign.

"We must all conduct ourselves as Cyber Wingmen, recognizing that our actions and activities on the network affect every other Airman and impact

our ability to execute the broader Air Force mission," General Schwartz said.

The "Rise of the Cyber Wingman" philosophy incorporates 10 guiding principles every Airman needs to know and use to secure cyberspace.

The United States is vulnerable to cyberspace attacks by relentless adversaries attempting to infiltrate our networks at work and at home— millions of times a day, 24/7.

Our adversaries plant malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks in common Web sites, software and hardware such as thumbdrives, printers, etc.

Once implanted, this code begins to distort, destroy and manipulate information, or "phone" it home. Certain code allows our adversaries to obtain higher levels of credentials to access highly sensitive information.

The adversary attacks your computers at work and at home knowing you communicate with the Air Force network by e-mail, or transfer information from one system to another.

As Cyber Wingmen, you have a critical role in defending your net-

works, your information, your security, your teammates and your country.

You significantly decrease our adversaries' access to our networks, critical Air Force information and your personal identity by taking simple action.

Don't open attachments or click on links unless the email is digitally signed, or you can directly verify the source, even if it appears to be from someone you know.

Don't connect any hardware or download any software, applications, music or information onto our networks without approval.

Encrypt sensitive but unclassified and/or mission critical information. Ask your system administrator for more information.

Install the free Department of Defense anti-virus software on your home computer. Your system administrator can provide you with a copy.

"By embracing, understanding and applying each of these rules, we will deliver on our promise to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace," General Schwartz said.

Spotlighting Mississippi's Native Americans



By Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George

Equal opportunity office

There are many ways to appreciate and embrace diversity among people. Educating ourselves about people different national origins, races and religions is one of the many ways we can fully embrace the beauty of diversity.

During November, Native American Indian Heritage Month, let's embrace this diversity by learning about the Mississippi's true natives.

With more than 550 recognized tribes in the United States, the Choctaw Indians are the only federally-recognized Indian tribe in Mississippi today. They were considered one of the largest and most advanced tribes in North America. Today, about 85 percent of the Choctaw tribal members speak Choctaw as their first language and English as a second language.

The Choctaw Tribe has the largest unified Indian K-12 school system in

the U.S., comprehensive tribal health care programs, forestry, gaming, entertainment and resort operations. A few interesting places to visit are the Choctaw Museum of the Southern Indian and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Reservation in Philadelphia, Miss., and the Geyser Falls Water Theme Park and Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss.

In addition to the annual Choctaw Thanksgiving Feast, the annual Choctaw Fair is held in July on the reservation and spring festivals take place in each of the Choctaw communities. These events give tribal members an opportunity to gather as a Choctaw community and celebrate the tribe's traditions and way of life.

Food is a central part of many Choctaw gatherings. Traditional foods such as hominy, boiled pork, fried chicken and banana are enjoyed by the Choctaw people during special occasions.

Traditional garments worn mainly for special occasions are made from cotton fabric in solid colors with a contrasting trim. Occasionally, women choose silk or velvet fabric for traditional dresses, usually for events such as the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.

The Choctaw Indians have been inhabitants of the local area for thousands of years. So often, we find ourselves living for today.

Let's not forget that every piece of history is important and each piece of the puzzle of this country's past lends to our future. Take some time to visit and learn more about this piece of American history that pre-dates 1492. You may be amazed at how much more appreciation you will have for diversity among people by simply learning about the history and culture of the Choctaw Indians and what pieces they contributed to the puzzle we call American history.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photojournalist

What are you especially thankful for this Thanksgiving?



My family's health.

Melissa Seal, K-Mar

Industries contractor



I'm thankful for life.

Steve McDaniel, 81st

Force Support Squadron



My beautiful wife and unborn son.

Senior Airman Sean

Carty, 81st Medical Support Squadron

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Hathcock trained in the emergency department to earn his five-level skill.

25 years after he joined the Air Force Cop finishes training as medic

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A recent graduate of Keesler Medical Center's Aerospace Medical Apprentice Phase II course can serve as an inspiration to all Airmen.

Staff Sgt. John Hathcock, 43, a member of the North Carolina Air National Guard, was among a class of 11 completing the six-week program. The other students were much younger.

"I'm old enough to be their father," he noted.

"I served on active duty in the Air Force from 1984-87," he said. "I was working in law enforcement in Lexington, N.C., when I saw the planes hit the World Trade Center towers on 9/11." He decided to enlist in the Army and at 36 went through basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., deploying for 18 months to the Samara area of Iraq.

During this deployment he was injured. Following his release from the hospital in January 2005, he enlisted in the Air National Guard, becoming a life support instructor at the Charlotte, N.C., Guard base. Including his Army service, he's been deployed almost yearly since 2002.

"I deployed to Afghanistan and was there when the first suicide bomber struck," Sergeant

Hathcock said. "After seeing that, as well as witnessing death and injuries during my service in the Army, Air Force and civilian life, I decided I wanted to serve in the medical career field. I was assigned to the clinic at Charlotte and was sent to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, to train as a medic." He completed the Sheppard Phase I program as a distinguished graduate on Aug. 7 and began Phase II at Keesler on Aug. 13. The class graduated Sept. 22.

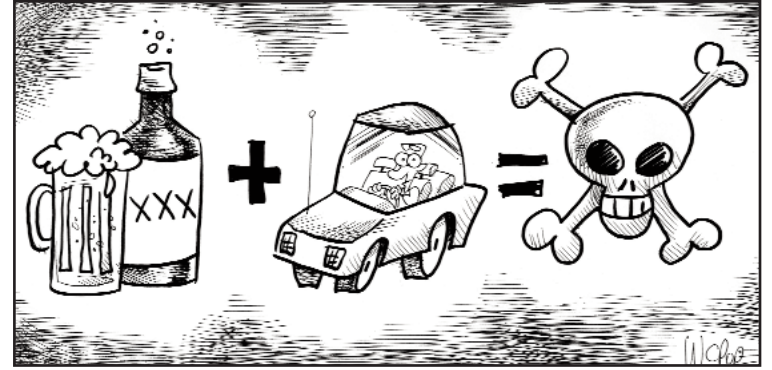
He remained here to finish Phase III training, working in the emergency department and was awarded his five-skill level.

"I really enjoy this aspect of my training," Sergeant Hathcock commented. "I'm getting a lot of good experience working as a med tech in the ER. I love dealing with people. There is no better way for my faith than to help someone."

The father of five is about to see his oldest son, a soldier, deploy to Afghanistan.

"I have so much respect for the young men and women who volunteer to serve their county," he said. "Working with them has been so rewarding. I've been able to serve with the best. Other than marriage and the birth of my children, I've been so proud to wear this uniform."

Now Sergeant Hathcock returns to his civilian profession with the Charlotte Police Department.



Online master's program extended to captains

By Carl Bergquist

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Air University officials offers eligible mid-level Air Force captains a unique educational opportunity to enroll in an online master's degree beginning next month.

The degree is designed to be career-relevant and is intended to accommodate the current high operations tempo environment, said Dr. Bart Kessler, Air Command and Staff College distance learning dean.

The expansion to eligible captains builds on the success of the online master's program for majors. The new option offers tailored professional education opportunities and expands those opportunities to a limited number of mid-level captains.

Since its inception two years ago, 348 majors have graduated with master's of military operational art and science degrees through the online program. More than 1,000 students are currently enrolled.

"Including captains in the online master's program is an exciting expansion of an exceptionally successful program," said Brig. Gen. Anthony Rock, the ACSC commandant. "These officers have earned a degree that is directly related to their Air Force mission in a rigorous, interactive, Web-based environment. Many of them have done this from forward-deployed locations without any disruptive break in their education.

Opening the program to captains is the next logical step as we look for innovative ways to deliver professional military education and continuing education opportunities to our warfighters."

Doctor Kessler said the current program will provide a common core curriculum supported by multiple areas of concentration. The existing online program consists of 11 eight-week courses that total 33 credit hours and reflect the educational outcomes of the ACSC residential program. From this program, seven of the existing online courses (21 credit hours) form the core curriculum required of all students, with the remaining 12 credit hours forming various concentrations directed toward specific professional development. The first of these new concentrations, the "Leadership Concentration," was designed by Squadron Officer College to meet the developmental needs of captains.

Dr. Matthew Stafford, academic adviser to the commandant at Squadron Officer College, explained that the four courses are specifically designed to meet developmental requirements outlined by the Air Staff. They address foundations of officership, team-building and organizational leadership, as well as expeditionary leadership in an intercultural environment.

Col. Steve Tanous, the Squadron Officer College commandant, added that the program is a "unique opportunity" for captains to further their professional development while earning a master's degree, all in

time for their next promotion board. He noted that captains with six to seven years of commissioned service who have completed Squadron Officer School either in residence or through distance learning, but do not yet have a master's degree, will be eligible to apply for the program.

Lt. Col. Robert Lass, ACSC vice dean of distance learning, said this is a win-win situation for both Airmen and the Air Force because the program meets their needs simultaneously.

"This is an amazing opportunity. To offer captains this level of targeted professional military education this early in their career, says a lot about how seriously the Air Force takes PME," he said.

Colonel Lass said the program will begin modestly, with limited enrollment accepting approximately 100 captains in a "beta test" for its first term. However, captains will have the opportunity to apply each eight-week term. The number of slots available may increase in subsequent terms based on resource availability.

The application window for the first term will open Dec. 2. Students will be notified by Dec. 10 if they are among the first Leadership Concentration students. Students apply through the Air University portal and classes begin Jan. 4.

The online master's program Web site is <http://www.au.af.mil/au/dlmasters.asp>.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Post-9/11 GI Bill

A post-9/11 GI Bill briefings are 11:30 a.m. in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Commissioning

Commissioning briefings are 10-10:30 a.m. in Room 224, Sablich Center:

Officer Training School — second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The briefing isn't held today.

ROTC — first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the south-east side of the NCO Academy

is closed until 2 p.m. Dec. 3 and noon Dec. 16 for drill practice and evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the hours may change or the lot will be open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-3944.

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Legends Cafe in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event, or show their current card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

The party is sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

Be a physician assistant

The next board for Physician Assistant Phase I raining classes is March 16-17. Completed applications must be submitted by Jan. 25.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708/8710.

Hap Arnold grants

Applications are available online for the Air Force Aid Society's Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program at <http://www.afas.org/Education/ArnoldEdGrant.cfm>

Paralegal retraining opportunities

Legal office

Retraining opportunities exist in the paralegal career field, Air Force Specialty Code 5J0X1.

Applicants must be at least a senior airman with a minimum 5-skill level in any AFSC; minimum general Airman Qualification Exam score of 51; type at least 25 words per minute; have no convictions by court-martial punishment under Article 15, or conviction by civilian court, excluding minor traffic violations.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Daniel O'Hara, 376-8145..

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The \$2,000 grants are given to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Active Guard/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased members for undergraduate studies.

The application deadline is March 12. The deadline to submit related family financial data forms and grade point average verification forms is April 15. Recipients are named in June.

For more information, call Linda Edison, 376-8517.

NECP deadlines

Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program deadlines are Feb. 26, notification of intent to apply; March 26, academic evaluation; and April 23, applications due.

For more information, call the education office, 377-8708 or 8710.

ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call 376-8472.

Perfect students



Airman Basic Norman Hitosis, left, and Staff Sgt. Tina Kalar achieved perfect scores in their technical training. Airman Hitosis, from Dale City, Calif., aced the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron. He's headed to an assignment at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Sergeant Kalar, who achieved a perfect score for the final communications-computer systems course for the 3C0X1 Air Force Specialty Code, is from Des Moines, Iowa, and is a member of the Iowa National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing's communications squadron. A perfect student whose photo was not available is Airman 1st Class Jessica Mallas, another personnel apprentice course student in the 335th TRS. She's a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard in Madison.

Base shuttle schedules are found at

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

Good gumbo

James Taylor, left, 81st Force Support Squadron, and Lt. Col. Sean Gallagher, 81st Mission Support Squadron deputy commander, sample the specialties at the eighth annual dining facility gumbo contest Nov. 17 at the Azalea Dining Facility. The winner is Azalea's Carol Evans.

Photo by Adam Bond



Keesler is Air Force's first move toward centralized network

By Michael Kerver

Air Force Network Integration Center

SCOTT Air Force Base, Ill. — The Air Force recently took the first major steps in moving e-mail and network services at Keesler into what will become the central Air Force Network.

Within today's environment, major commands and some subordinate units operate their own networks, but the Active Directory and Exchange project looks to consolidate them under the operational control of a single commander.

The 81st Communications Squadron teamed with members of the Air Force Network Integration Center and the 561st Network Operations Squadron's Detachment 3 and in 45 days, Keesler became the first operational base to migrate onto the AFNet.

"In a move affecting more than 6,100 users, 7,000 computers, and 700 organizational accounts, the success at Keesler reflects two years of planning and is truly symbolic of a team effort," said Senior Master Sgt. Dan Lester, AFNIC's active directory and exchange lead command manager. "The lessons we learned were invaluable, and we've already integrated them into the processes we'll use for future migrations."

The ADX program is part of a servicewide effort to transform cyber operations and consolidate network applications for better security, reduced cost, and enterprise-wide standardization.

"The AFNet being built today will consolidate network application and help desk services that are operating independently today," said Col. Curt Locke, 690th Network Support Group commander at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, who is now the single network commander for Keesler. "By consolidating these networks and centralizing services, we can reduce our manpower and equipment footprint and still deliver the mission support our customers need."

While most changes were transparent, the most visible to computer users at Keesler, and

will be for the rest of the Air Force, is the change to a single e-mail address (first-name.lastname@us.af.mil): an address people will keep for the duration of their careers or employment/affiliation with the Air Force, regardless of the base or organization assigned.

ADX builds on the successes of the "E-mail for Life" program, and as additional bases migrate onto the AFNet, it will provide Airmen log-on capability to any connected Air Force computer without having to re-register for computer access whenever they go on temporary duty, move or deploy.

"Airmen now have an account that is always active, and through the use of their common access card, will have around the clock access to e-mail and network services regardless of their duty location," said Eric Lubeck, ADX program manager. "The move to a single network and ability to create and maintain static e-mail addresses has long been an e-business industry standard, and one overdue for an organization as mobile and diverse as the Air Force."

Sergeant Lester said, "An easy, but vitally important group of people we often take for granted are the local client support technicians. Without them, and the active involvement of the network control center, migrations would be virtually impossible to execute."

"The Keesler migration was part of the communication community's overall initiative to improve and enhance the way active duty, Reserve, Guard, civil service, and contractor force access information," said Lt. Col. Skip Adams, former 81st CS commander now serving as 81st Training Group vice commander.

Though Keesler is the first base to migrate, officials from AFNIC and the 690th NSG have worked to migrate more than 9,300 individual users into the AFNet and by the end of the project anticipate 845,000 users will be migrated. Next to be migrated will be Lackland, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

IN THE NEWS

Pass Road Gate update

Lanes on the north side of the Pass Road Gate reopen at 6 a.m. Dec. 3 as the southbound lanes of Ploesti Drive from the gate to Hercules Street close for 10 weeks for construction of denial barriers.

All traffic entering the base at the Pass Road Gate will be detoured north on Ploesti around Bay Breeze Golf Course and marina park.

Curtis and Patton Street entrances into Bay Ridge housing area reopen Monday.

The Rodenberg Gate is open daily, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DOD, Air Force rank high in study

Air Force News Service

The Air Force with the Department of Defense has received high ratings for its professionalism, trust, accuracy and quality, according to a recent survey.

The findings were presented during a recent panel discussion following a Gallup Organization study analyzing how Americans perceive the federal government.

"Overall the survey asked Americans to rate the federal government on a five point scale," said Frank Newport, editor in chief of the Gallup poll. "The military was included and was the highest."

"We asked which branch of the military is most important to the United States and it historically continues to be the Air Force," Mr. Newport said. He added the military has continued to do well in spite of challenges with its nuclear enterprise and the ongoing war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gallup officials conducted the study to examine public attitudes about the "overall customer experience" across all federal agencies. The study asked more than 40,000 American citizens to answer a series of questions about the level and quality of service they received from federal agencies, painting a clearer picture of the overall experience of individual's interactions with the agencies.

Holiday mailing deadlines

U.S. Postal Service

Deadlines for mailing domestic mail to be delivered by Dec. 25 are Dec. 16 for parcel post, Dec. 21 for first class and priority mail and Dec. 23 for express mail.

For military mail, deadlines are:

Saturday — space-available mail to ZIPs 090-092, 094-098, 340 and 962-966.

Dec. 1 — parcel airlift mail to APO/FPO AE ZIP 093.

Dec. 4 — parcel airlift mail to ZIPs 090-092, 094-098, 340 and 962-966; first-class and priority mail letters and cards to APO/FPO AE ZIP 093

Dec. 11 — first-class mail and priority mail letters and cards to APO/FPO ZIPs 090-092, 094-098, 340 and 962-966.

Dec. 18 — express mail to APO/FPO ZIPs 090-092, 094-098, 340 and 962-966.

For more information, log on to <http://www.usps.com>.

Dancing the night away



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Don Commiskey of Gulfport dances with 2nd Lt. Lauren Hedlund, 81st Medical Group, at the Harrison County Senior Citizen Prom Nov. 18 at the Imperial Palace. Keesler members danced and mingled with the guests at the annual event.

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anticipate those actions to continue into fiscal 2011. A reduction in time-in-grade requirement for colonels and lieutenant colonels will be offered to eligible officers who retire on or before Sept. 1, 2010. The limited active duty service commitment for officers in overage Air Force specialties and year groups will be waived so that they may separate or retire on or before Sept. 1, 2010.

Additionally, the Air Force will reduce the number of fiscal 2010 accessions from Officer Training School by 144 and delay the accession of 417 ROTC cadets from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011. Officials also plan to expand the number of Palace Chase transfers to the Air Force Reserve and offer expanded waiver criteria for interservice transfers to the Army as part of the Blue to Green program.

“Airmen who voluntarily

retire or are separated through force management measures are better prepared to find their next career by virtue of the advanced training and experience gained in service,” Colonel Garbutt said. “Base transition assistance programs along with a number of agencies standing by to assist veterans help prepare Airmen for a successful transition.”

The addition of more than 9,000 new Air Force civilian positions in fiscal 2010 may also help ease the transition. With contractor-to-civilian conversions, new organizations standing up and overall increases in positions, the service is projecting an even larger hiring surge in fiscal 2011 with an estimated 25,000 new positions by fiscal 2013.

For more information on force management measures and eligibility, visit the Air Force Personnel Center’s “Ask” site or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Health benefits open season

81st Force Support Squadron

The health benefits open season runs through Dec. 14.

For a copy of the 2010 federal employee health benefits guide, visit [http:// www.opm.gov/insure/health/planinfo/guides/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/planinfo/guides/index.asp).

For more information, call 376-8326.

Officers sought for air attaché jobs

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials here are accepting applications until Dec. 11 from senior captains, majors and lieutenant colonels to fill eight air attaché positions and assistant air attaché positions with in-country reporting dates ranging from August 2010 to September 2012.

Officers selected for attaché duty will attend training during the period of April 2010 to April 2011.

An operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are all highly desired.

Eligible applicants must:

Be released from their functional manager to compete for an assignment;

Take or have taken the Defense Language Aptitude Battery Test; and

Be a U.S. citizen with all immediate family members (parents, siblings, spouse and children) all U.S. citizens as well.

Officers selected for an interview will be notified by Jan. 31.

Applications are available online at <https://www.intelink.gov/sites/safia/aotools/avs/default.aspx> or through the 24-hour Air Force Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Identification card requirements

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call 376-8339.

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.



Sergeant Flores



Sergeant Vaughan



Sergeant Harrison



Captain McClennon



Ms. Clay



Ms. Mullins



Mr. VanSittert



Mr. Deitke



Airman Young



Sergeant Rypka



Airman Chambers

Wing presents quarterly awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Wing's quarterly award winners were honored at a luncheon Nov. 18 at the Dragon's Lair.

Winners for July-September are:

Airman — Staff Sgt. Airman Cornelio Flores, 336th Training Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Noah Vaughan, 335th TRS.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Brent Harrison, 338th TRS Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Company grade officer — Capt. Renee McClennon, 81st Medical Group.

Civilian Category 1 — Florence Clay, 334th TRS.

Civilian supervisor Category 1 — Len VanSittert, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Civilian Category 2 — Juanita Mullins, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Civilian supervisor Category 2 — Paul Deitke, 338th TRS.

Honor Guard Airman — Senior Airman Jemal Young, 81st Dental Squadron.

Honor Guard NCO — Staff Sgt. Birch Rypka, 332nd TRS.

Spartan dorm room — Senior Airman Patsy Chambers, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Volunteer — get connected.

Christmas light display benefits holiday toy collection



This year's Toys for Tots campaign continues through Dec. 14.

Boxes are set up across the base for donations of new unwrapped toys.

This year, in addition to the regular toy collection, Lt. Col. Scott Solomon plans a musical light display at his residence, 717 Vandenberg Drive in Bay Ridge housing area, as another oppor-

tunity to donate to the toy drive.

This display, from dark until 10 p.m. Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-13, will have 96 channels of lights on the house, trees and lawn that will be synchronized to music. The Toys for Tots shows will last about 20 minutes. Admission is one toy.

For more information on the drive, call Cheryl Moore, 377-3900.



Program provides help for holidays

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

Thanksgiving and Christmas are times of joy and cheer. The holidays are also an opportunity to help members of the Keesler family.

Project Cheer is a charitable initiative coordinated and sponsored by the first sergeants council to help permanent party Airmen with families who are experiencing financial difficulties and need assistance during the holiday season. The annual program has successfully provided hundreds of families with holiday meals.

The first sergeants support the project with an annual golf tournament and other fund-raisers. This year's holiday push begins Friday and ends Dec. 20. During the campaign, the first sergeants will be in front of the base exchange and commissary to collect donations, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Last year, Project Cheer started with an initial investment of \$20 and raised more than \$14,000. This enabled the first sergeants to help more than 100 families identified by supervisors and commanders with a \$100 check to the commissary.

Master Sergeant Christopher Rash, 81st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, is the point of contact for this year's campaign and he hopes to have just as much success this time around.

"All of the first sergeants are very excited and energized about the program," Sergeant Rash said. "We really look forward to being able to positively touch the lives of so many airman and they're families. It's a joy for us to put smiles on their faces and let them know that this is more than a workplace — that the Air Force is also a family."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Valerie Mullins, president of the child development center's parent advisory board, and her 1-year-old daughter, Katie, laugh at their mirror images at the child development center's family fun day Nov. 19. Katie's mom is assigned to the 81st Communications Squadron and her dad, Master Sgt. Steven Mullens, is from the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Fun family times at child development center



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Randy Sherer, husband of Senior Airman Tammy Sherer, 81st Medical Support Squadron, reads to their 1-year-old son, Will, at family fun day Nov. 19.



Photo by Adam Bond

Preschoolers demonstrate their pedal power during the child development center's annual trike-a-thon Friday.

Mackenzie Townsend, 2, does dot art with her mom, Devann Townsend, and grandmother, Sharon Warning, at family fun day. Mackenzie's dad is Airman 1st Class Austin Townsend, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.



Photo by
Kemberly Groue

AAFES promotions offer chances to win holiday treats

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News

Promotions, prizes and popular name brands will anchor the efforts of Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials to invite military families to “rediscover the value” their exchange is offering this holiday season, a military story reported.

Exclusive savings on holiday decorations, care package items and electronics cycled in and out of BXs and PXs every week in November, all building toward this Thanksgiving weekend and what has become practically a national holiday — “Black Friday.”

At the forefront of the post-Thanksgiving blitz will be thousands of scratch-off cards given out to early birds and customers who shop the exchange after 4 p.m. from Sunday through Tuesday. With prizes ranging from free soft drinks to \$100 gift cards, every scratch-off will be a winner.

“BX and PXs will open at 4 a.m. Friday, 6 a.m. Saturday



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Staff Sgt. Janet Holmes, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, and her husband, retired Master Sgt. Dennis Holmes, do some holiday shopping at the Keesler BX.

and 9 a.m. Sunday after Thanksgiving,” said AAFES’ Commander Maj. Gen. Keith Thurgood. “Depending on the

size of the store, we will pass out anywhere from 60 to 200 scratch-off cards Friday morning, with the remainder being

distributed between 4 p.m. and closing.”

Beyond giveaways and prizes, the exchanges will

have all of the latest “must-have” gifts, including the newly introduced line of Ed Hardy jewelry, XBOX military appreciation bundles and specially-priced notebooks and mini netbooks.

With a mission to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support AAFES’s programs, the dual benefit AAFES provides military families at Keesler goes far beyond the clothes, electronics and snacks at shelves, AAFES officials said. Shoppers who shop through the BX, the Web site online at www.aafes.com or the phone through the Exchange catalog actually help make the military community a better place to live and work.

“Last year purchases by service members and dependents at the BX, Shoppette and other AAFES activities at Keesler generated a dividend of \$513,884 — funds critical to Air Force Services’ ability to enhance local programs and facilities, including the arts and crafts center, Bay Breeze Golf Course and youth programs,” said Keesler BX general manager Penny Madison. “Beyond improving quality of life programs, the exchange benefit also helps military shoppers find the best value for their dollar.”

Ms. Madison said that at the front line of this effort is the BX’s market price coordinator, whose main duty is to compare the prices of key items with local competition. “She helps ensure that our prices are comparable, if not lower, than the competition.”

Fine jewelry can be put on layaway for up to 120 days at the BX, Ms. Madison said.

“As you can see, the Keesler BX has a lot ‘in store’ for Air Force families this year,” Ms. Madison added.

The opportunities to shop and save won’t end in November, as AAFES officials have a variety of special events planned for December, including early-bird specials Dec. 5, 19 and 24.

Reaching out to wounded warriors



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Naomi Kraina, Keesler Disabled American Veterans representative, discusses veterans' benefits with Master Sgt. Lerry Forester, 81st Medical Support Squadron, during Warrior Care Month Outreach Day Nov. 19. The event, held in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium, included representatives from Keesler and other organizations who offered information about the services they provide veterans.

To report
sexual assaults,
call
Keesler's
sexual assault
response
coordinator
hotline,
377-7278.

Air Force offers financial aid to people wanting to adopt

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

November is Adoption Awareness Month, and the Air Force is working to make adoption more affordable for potential Air Force parents.

Through the Adoption Expense Reimbursement Program, parents using a legal adoption agency may be eligible for up to \$2,000 per adoptive child, with a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000 in a calendar year, for qualifying expenses.

"With the current economic downturn, the cost of adoption can discourage potential parents," said Steve McDaniel from the airman and family readiness center. "I believe that you can get anything in life you want if you help someone get what they need — and adoption is a wonderful way to build a family."

To qualify for the program:

Adoption must be finalized while the Airman is serv-

ing on continuous active duty, or full-time Air Guard Reserve duty with orders specifying a period of at least 180 days,

Child must be under 18 years of age and physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself,

Child may not be the biological offspring of the Airman or a stepchild, and

The adoption must be arranged by a qualified adoption agency that has responsibility under state or local law for child placement through adoption; a nonprofit voluntary adoption agency that is authorized by state or local law to place children for adoption; or any other source authorized by a state to provide adoption placement if the adoption is supervised by a court under state or local law.

For more information, call Mr. McDaniel, 376-8586, or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Christmas card contest

Organizations wishing to compete in this year's Christmas card contest must register their entry at the outdoor recreation office, and erect their card in the marina park, no later than noon Dec. 9.

This year's theme is "Year of the Air Force Family."

Cards must be free standing and painted on a piece of plywood no smaller than 4 foot by 8 foot. The back of the card is to be painted a solid color and must show the name of the squadron and point of contact. Participants are responsible for their own materials.

Winners are announced at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Christmas in the Park celebration, with prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

All cards are to be removed by Jan. 4.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operations now has a wheelchair-accessible minivan available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

Travel medicine clinic

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

Immunizations — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Allergy shots — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

Daedalians make donation to Fisher House

The Daedalians Hurricane Flight 40 recently made a \$100 donation to the Keesler Fisher House in the memory of one of its members, retired Col. Howard Froman, who passed away Sept. 25.

Founded in 1934, the Order of Daedalians is a fraternal organization of military pilots promoting leadership in air and space power.

Dean Todd, flight captain, said, "The chapter meets monthly at the Kat-rina Kantina to sponsor an educational speaker and honor the legacy of those who have flown and are flying in defense of our nation."

The chapter offers scholarships to local ROTC students and contribute in other ways to the Keesler community.

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require root canal treatment.

All authorized beneficiaries including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired are eligible for care.

Patients accepted for treatment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or the residents in the general dentistry program.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customerservice, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Team Keesler turns back on tobacco for Great American Smokeout Run



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Anthony Wilson, left, and Eunice Elmore were the top male and female finishers in the Great American Smokeout 5-kilometer run Nov. 19. Wilson, 81st Security Forces Squadron, finished in 18 minutes, 7 seconds. Elmore, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, had a time of 24:31.



SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity men's and women's teams — tryouts to be announced. Teams play in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference. Season started in November. Coaches needed. For more information, call 377-2444 or 377-3056.

Bowling

Gaude Bowling Center New Year's Eve party — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Bowling, dancing, music, favors, finger foods, prizes and non-alcoholic midnight toast. Alcoholic beverages sold separately. \$30 adults, \$25 ages 6-17. Ages 5 and younger admitted free. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets on sale at the desk.

Bowling fund raisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, call 377-2817.

Slow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Team building special — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, call 377-2817.

Club member special — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

Birthday party package — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

Fitness centers

Intramural basketball registration — Regular division and 30 and over division. Letters of intent due today. Coaches meeting 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2444.

Jingle bell 5-kilometer run — join Santa Claus at Blake Fitness Center, noon, Dec. 16. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Prizes awarded to the first place male and female winners. Safe holiday running attire is encouraged. For more information, call 377-4385.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, Tae Kwon-do, core fitness, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more

information, call 377-2907.

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. For more information, call for appointment.

Free blood pressure machines — available for use at all fitness centers.

Boxing room — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

Fit to fight incentive program — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available at no cost at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-6698.

No smoking — on Crowell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — Due to water damage to the basketball court, the center's hours have been extended to accommodate customers who wish to play full-court basketball: 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Mondays-working Friday; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. nonworking Friday and Saturdays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. For more information, call 377-4385.

Golf

Free golf — Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Golf carts and rental clubs not available. For more information, call 377-3832.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

Twilight special — 1 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; play unlimited golf until closing. Fees: E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4-up, \$22, guests \$22.

Nonprior service student special — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

Christmas in the marina park and tree lighting — Dec. 10. Hay rides begin at 4 p.m. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. followed by a visit with Santa. Photo opportunities with Santa, so bring your camera. Festivities include live nativity scene, horse and buggy rides, balloon artist, arts and craft booths, free food, hot chocolate and cookies, and holiday music. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and Budweiser-Responsibility Matters. For more information, call 377-3160.

Catamaran sailboat for rent — \$10 per hour, minimum 2 hours, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take-off site \$100 per day or \$175 for a weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

Camping packages — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed. \$100 deposit.

Deep sea fishing trips — Nonworking Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For more information and to reserve, call 377-3160.

Delacroix, La. fishing site — Outdoor fishing/hunting camp in Delacroix, La. Rent a self-contained camper, sleeps four, \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Friday noon to Monday noon) or \$300/week (seven days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils, and sleeping bag or bed-

ding. Louisiana license is needed for fishing. For more information, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Nonprior service student special — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands; pick the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La., with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Paddle boats for rent — two-person and four-person paddle boats for \$5 per hour for a minimum of two hours; first hour free through November. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — test to

become certified to rent a pontoon. For more information, call 377-3160.

Rental campers — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

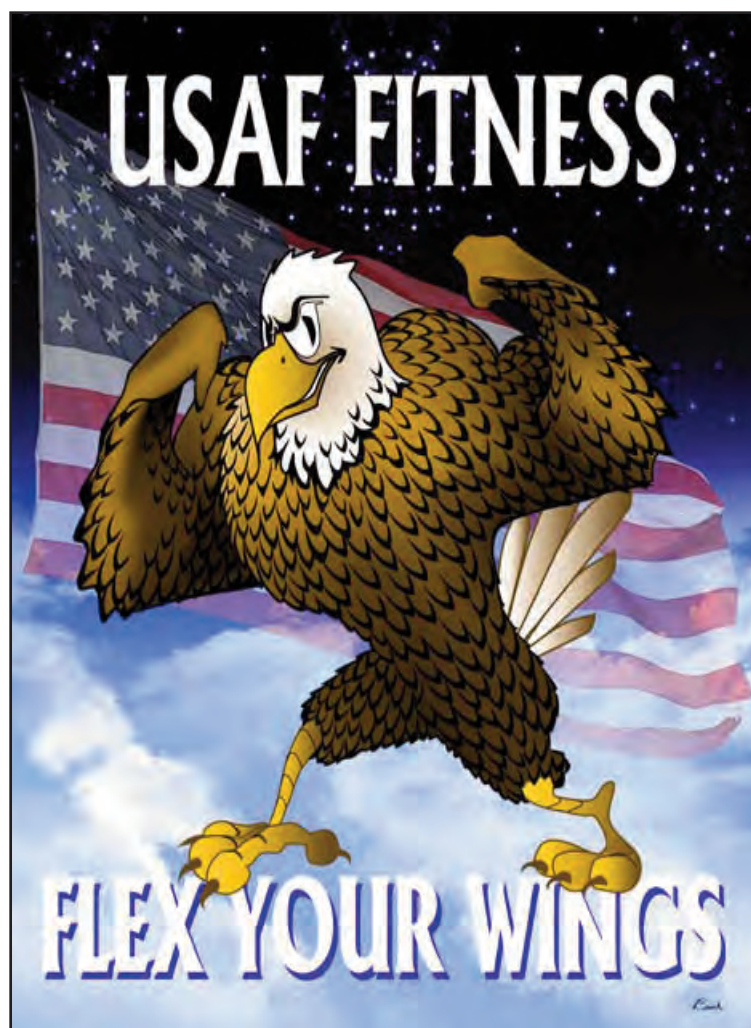
Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 day, \$15 week, \$35 month.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, hunting and fishing licenses.

RV, boat and trailer storage — \$20 per month.

17-foot Back Bay cruiser for rent — Mississippi boater registration card required. For more information or for prices, call 377-3160.

Wet slip fees — monthly, 32 feet plus, \$3.75 per foot; under 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.



HONORS

First Sergeants Council 'Diamond Sharp'

November winners

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Airman 1st Class Kasey Bumgardner.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Airman 1st Class Nicholas Earnest.

338th Training Squadron — Staff Sgt. Ryan Cartmel.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic David Abreu, Christopher Acosta, Michael Alarcon, John Aubuchon, Cody Ball, Joseph Bardsley, Corey Blythe, Michael Carrion, Craig Cortan, Mark Cortez, Ivan Davila, Alexander Davis, Jonathan Davis, Nicolaus Eddy, Stephen Elliott, Derrick Ellis, Bradley Finnigan, Andrew Fox, Jasen Franklin, Carl Free, Danielle Fulgham, Samuel Garcia, Jasmine Goodson, Joseph Graham, David Gramlin, Daniel Grennan, Jordan Hattan, David Hinojosa, Christopher Holden, Cody Honeycutt, Christopher Hubby, Joseph Hurni, Cameron Jonas, Lately Jones, Giovanna Jordan, Marc Leaser, Justin Lee, Dominique Manipol, Scott Marang, Deven McKay, Genesee Meha, Ronnie Mullins, Shawn Murphy, Ian Nicols, Stephanie Olmos, Michael Oyola, Christopher Parks, Tyler Pennington, Andrew Pihart, Jessica Pina, Nicholas Pinter, Jeremy Plain, Brandon Pritz, Percy Ramsden, Gage Ricks, Kevin Rimcoski, Jesse Ritz, Melissa Robshaw, Joe Rosenkrans, Cassidy Rusan, Cinto Santos, Julian Saviano, Noah Schuetz, Devin Shields, Jessica Shoemaker, Carole Silvernail, Kevin Smith, Dustin Steichen, Kyle Topasna, Joseph Uptegrove, Kaitlin Vollmer, Jordan Warnke, Mitchell Wheaton, Keenan Wiersma, Ryan Willbanks, Adam Williams, Josef Williamson and Johnathan Wright; Airmen Timothy Atkins, Troy BrittonCoe, Joseph Eigel, Randy Feltman, Zachary Fitzgerald, Nicholas Monico, Calvin Peterson, Patrick Pichler, Thomas Stout, Jeremy Swindell and Charles Wilson; Airmen 1st Class George Bahlke, Tawanda Barnes, Johnathon Baylous, Monique Brooks, Brett Citrowske, Justin Coleman, Anthony Collier, Sean Conlan, Alexander Corwin, Jordan Cox, Kjell Davis, Stanley DeJesus, Nicholas Eklund, Kelly Ford, Ira Friedman, Justin Gaddis, Andrew Greb, David Gross, Christopher Hall, Skyler Holzer, Michael Hong, Parker Imrie, Tiera Jones, Kristine Kallsen, Samuel Kelmelis, Taylor Kirby, Alex Lanphere, Steven LaRue, Mark Latchman, Christian Lozada, Nathaniel MacKay, Kevin MacNeill, Daniel Madden, John Marinangeli, Timothy Matteson, Matthew Messina, Edward Middleton, Brian Moore, Sean Morris, Jonathan Nickel, Jamie Noyes, Philip Post, Dana Presnell, Jason Prince, Justin Quintero, Kellen Rice, Marquez Rodriguez, Courtney Rohrer, Jessica Sails, Deymond Sankey, Tomas Scheel, Michael Schultz, Cody Seago, Jarrod Sealy, James Sercu, Voss Shaw, Kristofer Sirks, Samuel Sullivan, Joseph Taubner, Michael Trinidad, Erik Vanroekel, Terrance Varner, Angel Vasquez, Michael Vickers, Nathaniel Vincent, Heather Voorhees, Anthony Wathen, Jared Witmer and Christopher Zempel; Senior Airmen Jose Espinoza, Jerrard Pinder, Kenneth Saunders, Mark St. Vincent, Kenneth Veillon, Tara Washington and Earl Wright; Staff Sgts. Jodi Fleming, Clifton Frye, Justin James, Josua Mason, Luzviminda Moats, Gregory Quinn, Timothy Robinson, Jerry Sisemore and Mary Snyder.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Garrett Dixon and Shawn Meyer; Airman Steven Janca; Airmen 1st Class Jared Burrows, Christopher Guhl and Ryan Stewart; Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Andrew Alotis, Dustie Daniels, Dustin Hoiten, Melissa Holmes, Joshua Hoover, Areil Hornsby, Daniel Lamers, Jaun

Ledet, Matthew McDonald, Nickolas Sanquist and Katie Weyer; Airmen 1st Class Lindsey Black, Bryan Coppens, Cass Dedaviess, Philip Elisara, Paul Galanti, Lauren Hornbaker, Joshua McIntosh and Kelsey Oxford; Staff Sgt. Joel Stover.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Rachael Ashby, Lanier Cameron, Melissa Carmon, Justyna Melnyczok, Contona Thomas and Ramon Torres; Senior Airmen John Bermudez, Erin Davidson, James Davis, Daniel Dixon, Tamika Hill, Michael Johnson, Theresa Kupsy, Ricky Lavergne, Esther Park, Julius Priester and Joshua Spencer; Staff Sgts. Jason Basinger, James DeGeus, Pleaz Hawkins, Tracey Kleppe, Brenda McCoy, Shaun Miller, Robert O'Loughlin and Justin Stuart; Tech. Sgts. Lowell Bowen and Heidi Figura; Master Sgt. Brian Parr; Senior Master Sgt. Edward Cartossa.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Brittany Carlisle, Alex Collins, Joshua Ingram, Christy Jones, Cody Rios, Thomas Tarantella, Styles Vancleave, Sara Wilson and Amber Young; Airmen Brandi Blea and Brandon Gibbs; Airmen 1st Class Alfredo Baking, Timothy Byrd, Clarissa Christensen, Melissa Fatz, Erik Huss, Matthew Holguin, Malcolm McNair, Lloyd Morris, Muhammad Naushad, Logan Pendergraft, Joseph Senteno, Ruby Scharon, Torika Thompson, Robert Vineyar and Sarah Wurm; Senior Airmen Tahasa Brixton, Christopher P. Brosseau, Marquette Jones, Gustavo Reyes and Jarrod Sanchez; Staff Sgt. Ryan Christmann; Master Sgt. Marla Suter.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airmen Khalil Giawashi and Benjamin Nason; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Alexander, Robert Brown, Ralph Rodriguez and Brady Techen; Staff Sgts. Andrew Ksionsk and Louis Martinez; Tech. Sgt. John Adams; Master Sgt. Sean Rice.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass, Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.
Weekday Mass, Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

Jewish services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Magnolia dining facility. Call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Call 396-5274 or (801) 787-1990.

Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Rd, Biloxi. Call 388-6138 or Father Stephen Clos, 377-4105.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Thanksgiving federal holiday.

Open

Fam Camp — Open 24 hours

Inns of Keesler — Open 24 hours

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.

Shoppette — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Triangle Fitness Center — noon to 6 p.m.

Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 7 p.m.

Closed

All Army and Air Force Exchange Services facilities except Shoppette/Class Six — closed Nov. 26

Arts and craft center — closed Nov. 26-27

Auto hobby shop — closed Nov. 26-27

Azalea Dining Facility

Bay Breeze Golf Course

Blake Fitness Center

Child development center — closed Nov 26-27

Commissary — closed Nov 26-27

Dragon Fitness Center

11th Frame Café — closed Nov. 22-28

Family child care — closed Nov. 23-27

Gaude Lanes — closed Nov. 22-28

Information, ticket and tours office — closed Nov. 26-27

Katrina Kantina

Legends Café

McBride Library

Outdoor recreation — closed Nov. 26-29

Veterinary clinic

Youth center — closed Nov. 26-28

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-1 — graduation Dec. 18.

Class 10-2 — Jan. 5-Feb. 11, 2010

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-1 — graduation Dec. 17.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Dec. 12. \$25, including materials.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$15, including materials.

Beginning woodworking — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 16; will make a cutting board; \$25, includes materials, shop use.

Christmas card making — 5:30-7 p.m. today and Dec. 3. \$10, including materials. For more information, call 377-2821.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 12. \$20 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Multi-crafts center — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 10. \$10 including materials.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginner and advanced woodworking classes.

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Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 377-2520.

Catholic religious education — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

Men's prayer breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

Women's prayer breakfast — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

Dinner and the Bible — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

Keesler Medical Center

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

McBride Library

Available — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

Children's program — 10 a.m. Tuesday and Dec. 15. Stories read verbally and through sign language.

Chief of Staff professional military reading list — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

Christmas around the world — Dec. 14-16. Special display for children.

Christmas story time pajama party — 5-6 p.m. Dec. 15 at McBride Library for ages 3 and up. Children are invited to wear their pajamas aboard the "library story-train" and listen to Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express*. Arts and crafts fun. Hot chocolate and brownies. For more information, call 377-2181.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Online catalog — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

Overdrive audio online book program — individual or family accounts allow download/playing of full-length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Must be in good condition and of same genre.

Pearl Harbor day — Monday. Pearl Harbor movie will run continuously 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorabilia display.

Playaway — self-playing digital audio books available with content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

Polar Express story time — 5 p.m. Dec. 15 for ages 5-12.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas.

Rosetta Stone online language learning center — 30 foreign languages, including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

Season related movie and treats — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Dec. 10.

Story time — 10 a.m. Dec. 15 for ages 3-5.

Tours/orientations — for more information, call 377-2604.

Volunteers needed — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. No dances Dec. 19-30 due to the holidays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Elf Vandy — Commanders and first sergeants: Sign up your people working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day to receive goody bags. To register, call 377-3308, 9 a.m. Monday through 5 p.m. Dec. 18. Bags may be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24. Sponsored by the Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

Legends Café — Buffet lunches 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 16.

Pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

New Year's Eve party — 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dec. 31. Non prior service students only. Free admission, party favors, entertainment. Sponsored by National Productions and Rex Distributing.

Project Elf Vandy — each year the elves at Vandenberg Community Center put together goody bags for Keesler personnel who work during the Christmas holiday. Commanders and first sergeants: This is your chance to sign up your personnel who will be working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. Register your personnel Dec. 7-18 by calling 377-3308 and include the number of bags required. Pick up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg Community Center. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

Katrina Kantina

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music; \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

Catering — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, salad, garlic bread, cobbler and tea. Dec. 14, cabbage casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, cobbler and tea. \$6 for members, \$8 nonmembers.

Taco Tuesdays — 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 15. Tacos 2 for \$1 for members, \$1.50 for non members.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. Dec. 16. Keesler Club members get in free; non members pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Youth center

Editor's note: All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

Classes — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. For more information, call 377-4116.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Dec. 5. A great opportunity to get your holiday shopping finished. This Air Force Aid program offers free child care at the child development and youth centers for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies such as the Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC), and Family Advocacy, as well as first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the AFRC. For more information, call 377-2211, 377-4116 or 376-8728.

Holiday camp — 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Dec. 21-23, and Dec. 28-30 for ages 6-18. For more information, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs, including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

Congressional Award program — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Thanksgiving lunch and dinner — Round beef, roast turkey, baked ham, boneless roast turkey, chicken and turkey gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, combread dressing, rice pilaf, green beans with mushrooms, steamed corn, peas and carrots, French onion soup, macaroni salad, fruit cocktail salad, cranberry sauce, shrimp cocktail, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, devil's food cake and holiday candies.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, roast turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, pasta salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, summer squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, white-bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice, onion gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney-bean salad, white bean-chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, baked macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, orange- and honey-glazed ham, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, mushroom gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, barbecue beef, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, barbecue beef, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupe, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, califlower combo, Mexican corn, simmered broccoli, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for more information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

Disney special continues — Salute to Military program continues. For more information, call 377-3818.

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Magic Christmas in Lights tours — Tour to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala, 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 16. \$20 including admission. For more information, call the information, tickets, and tours office at 377-3818.

Magic Christmas in Lights — at Bellingrath Gardens. Ticket only: \$10 adults, \$5.75 ages 5-12. For more information, call the information, tickets, and tours office at 377-3818.

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 14-17, Room 108A, Sablich Center for military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete

congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual; no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. For more information, call 376-8728.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center or e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil.

MEETINGS

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.afsa652.org/>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

Airman's Council — meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m., Sablich Auditorium. For more information, call Senior Airman Alonda West, 377-2994.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714, or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For

more information, call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camo-princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Katrina Kantina at the marina. For more information, call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Mondays at Locker House. Enter courtyard near Second Street. Enter door marked "T flight" and go straight ahead to sign saying "K5TYP."

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesdays. For more information, e-mail DevalynnSolomon@deesolomon@cablone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 5:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Sablich Center, Room 108-B. For more information, call Charles Partin, 313-3267.

Top III — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursdays, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies shown in Welch Auditorium; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children for regular features; \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For upcoming features, call 377-6627.

Friday — closed.

Saturday — 6:30 p.m., Pandorum (R).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Where the Wild Things Are (PG) .



Tis the season

Make a cutting board to give as a gift — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 9 and 16. Beginning woodworking class at the arts and crafts center. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future. For more information, call 377-2821.

Magic Christmas in Lights tours — to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala., 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 9 and 16. \$20 for transportation and admission ticket. For more information, call the information, tickets, and tours office, 377-3818.

Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingrath Gardens (ticket only) — \$10 adults, \$5.75 ages 5-12. For more information, call the information, tickets, and tours office, 377-3818.

Christmas card making — 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 3, craft class at the arts and crafts center. \$10 including materials. For more information, call 377-2821.

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Christmas in the marina park and tree lighting — Dec. 10. Hay rides begin at 4 p.m. Tree lighting is at 6 p.m. followed by a visit with Santa. Photo opportunities with Santa; bring your camera. Festivities include live nativity scene, horse and buggy rides, balloon artist, arts and craft booths, free food, hot chocolate and cookies, and holiday music. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and Budweiser-Responsibility Matters. For more information, call 377-3160.

Christmas story time pajama party — 5-6 p.m. Dec. 15 at McBride Library, ages 3 and older. Children are invited to wear their pajamas aboard the “library story-train” and listen to Van Allsburg’s *The Polar Express*. Arts and crafts fun. Hot chocolate and brownies. For more information, call 377-2181.

Jingle bell 5K run — join Santa Claus at Blake Fitness Center, noon, Dec. 16. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Prizes awarded to the first place male and female winners. Safe holiday running attire is encouraged. For more information, call 377-4385.

Youth holiday camp — 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30, ages 6-12 at the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen holiday camp — Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30, ages 13-18 at the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Free golf — Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Golf carts and rental clubs not available. For more information, call 377-3832.

Christmas dinner — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25 in the Magnolia and Live Oak Dining Facilities. Retirees and their families are welcome to join us at Live Oak.

Need room for your holiday visitors? — the Inns of Keesler is accepting reservations for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. To make your reservations or for more information, call 374-0088.



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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast — 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Kingpin daily specials \$6.95 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Mondays feature hamburger steak, Tuesdays enjoy Italian fare; Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.

Lunch punch card — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information or tee time, call 377-3832.

Free golf — see page A1 for information.

Open play — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for 40 balls.

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, gift certificates and more.

Golf lessons — \$25 for a half hour of instruction.

Twilight golf special — 1 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing. E1-E4,\$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.

“UBU” nonprior service students' special — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

Seats 300 — great for weddings, commander's calls, holiday parties, retirement ceremonies, special occasions, etc. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.



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Arts and Crafts Fun
Hot Chocolate and Brownies
Year of the Air Force Family
For more information, call **377-2181**

FITNESS

Editor's note: Keesler has three fitness centers for your convenience, Blake Fitness Center 377-4385, Dragon Fitness Center 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center 377-3056.

Jingle bell 5K run — see page A1 for information.

Fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — available free of charge at all three fitness centers. Call individual centers for an appointment.

Boxing room — at Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Gloves available.

Free fitness incentive programs — available at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Awards presented.

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — For class descriptions and schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers, or call 377-2907.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Workout equipment for parents.

Massage therapist — To schedule, call (228) 348-6698.

Free blood pressure checks — available at all fitness centers.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes.

Club member special — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.

Team building — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.

Wing logo shirts — \$22 in the pro shop.

Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted for groups of 20 or more.

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Choose one of three packages and remember the birthday child is free. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

Plan a bowling fund raiser — make money for your organization and have fun doing it.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818.

Tickets — For a complete list of tickets and prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for ITT.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and lodging information, call 374-0088.

Check-in/out — now at Tyer House located on Fisher Street.

Rooms available — “Space-Available” reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters \$34.75 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters \$39 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility (TLF) \$41.50 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

Need room for your holiday visitors? — See page A1 for more information.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. Contractors welcome. For more information, call 377-2219.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Club member discounts — must show club card to receive.

Monday madness lunch buffets — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8. Buffets includes dessert and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth buffet is free. Dec. 7, spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, salad and garlic bread; Dec. 14, cabbage casserole, green beans, salad and rolls.

Taco Tuesdays — 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 8 and 15 members get two tacos for \$1, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. Dec. 16. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Reward yourself — currently Keesler members receive all the benefits of club membership and dues are free, so why not join today? Be sure to visit <http://www.afclubs.net> for more information about the benefits of club membership. Programs include military free cash, members first discounts, Football Frenzy, scholarships, and travel plus.

Need to change your club card membership? — Stop by the Nonappropriated Funds accounting office located in Sablich Center, 500 Fisher St., Room 230, and ask for the Outprocessing Clerk. Office hours are 7 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work Fridays.

Catering — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership is not required.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Dine-in or take-out — serving lunch and dinner. Pool table. Salads, baskets, sandwiches, pizza, etc.

New! “Salad Your Way” salad bar — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Large salad \$4.50, small salad \$2.50. Add ham, turkey, tuna, grilled chicken or chicken salad for \$1.

New! Soup and salad bar — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Get a bowl of soup and your choice of salad bar or a hot or cold, ham or turkey sandwich.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. Dec. 2, Creole chicken, steamed rice, green beans, hot dinner rolls, salad bar and vanilla or chocolate pudding with whipped topping; Dec. 9, meat loaf, roasted new potatoes, buttered green peas, beef gravy, hot dinner rolls, salad bar and apple cobbler; Dec. 16, beef brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, buttered corn, hot dinner rolls, salad bar and homemade bread pudding.

Lunch punch card — buy nine lunch combos or buffets and your tenth is free.

Rotisserie chicken — Tuesdays and Thursdays get a half chicken for \$3.50, or a whole chicken for \$7 (chicken only). Lunch special, \$6 for half chicken or \$10 for whole chicken includes one side item and a roll.

All-you-can-eat catfish buffet, \$8.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box during lunch.

“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Christmas story time pajama party — see page A1 for more information.

Story time — 10 a.m. Dec. 15 for ages 3-5.

Free wireless internet — ask front desk staff for log-in access.

Chief of Staff professional military reading list — titles available for check-out from the special book collection.

“Playaway” — self-playing digital audio book, half the size of a deck of cards. Gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters, alter the speed of a narrator's voice, and bookmark where you left off. Pop in a AAA battery, plug in almost any type of headphones, and enjoy.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Specialty areas include counter-terrorism, international security, home improvement, auto repair, small engine repair, Student Research Center for high school and middle school students, Kids Search for middle school and elementary school students, Business Searching Interface, and more.

On-line card catalog — search for books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more. Log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our on-line catalog.

Overdrive audio on-line book program — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Ask staff for assistance.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Join the “Team Keesler” sailing team — compete in the Hobie Nationals, June 4-11, hosted by the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. Call for more information.

Paddleboats for rent — see the Biloxi Back Bay and get some exercise at the same time. \$5 per hour, minimum two hour rental.

Catamaran sailboat for rent — \$10 per hour, two hour minimum, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take off site for \$100 per day or \$175 per weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

Water skiing — \$50 per hour for up to six skiers, includes boat, driver and skis. Minimum two hour rental. Call to schedule.

Boats and recreational equipment rental — for price list, visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the outdoor recreation link.

Back bay fishing trips — \$20, call for date and time.

“UBU” special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get 10 percent off all rental equipment.

“UBU” weekend special — show your UBU Card and rent a 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike for \$5 for the weekend (Friday-Sunday).

Marina slips — wet slip fees: boats in excess of 32 feet are charged \$3.75 per foot. Boats 32 feet and below are charged \$2.50 per foot. Overnight is \$5.

Fam-camp — park is open 24 hours daily. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call (228) 594-0543.

Birding anyone? — Stop by and check-out a pair of binoculars (adult and child sizes available) and a bird identification book to use free of charge. Birding is great, free, family fun!

Rental campers — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50 per day; two available: one sleeps six, one sleeps eight.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive, across from the commissary, between the temporary living facilities and Keesler Federal Credit Union drive-through. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.



<http://www.keeslerservices.us>

Welcome to Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi!

Visit us online; and you'll find . . .

Valuable information:

- Special events
- Menus
- 81st FSS facility hours of operation and phones
- Outdoor Rec.'s equipment rental price list
- Employment opportunities
- ITT ticket prices
- and more

Helpful links:

- ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation) Voice your opinion on our online comment card
- Armed Forces Vacation Club
- Keesler phone list
- Local weather
- AAFES
- Commissary
- and more



GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER
8 P.M.-1 A.M.
Dec. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Bowling (shoes included) ~ Music
Prizes ~ Dancing ~ Party favors
Finger foods ~ Nonalcoholic midnight toast

\$30 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-17.
Ages 5 and younger are free.
Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
Tickets go on sale Monday.

Alcoholic beverages sold separately.

Year of the Air Force Family

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Specials

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies; \$10 each.

"UBU" special — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing, and tools are available for use in the shop.

Christmas card making — Dec. 3, see page A1 for more information.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Dec. 10. \$10 including materials.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 12. \$20 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Frame shop

Great Christmas Gifts — check out our shadow boxes and solid wood coin holders.

Custom orders — individual, customized orders available. Coordinate awards with shop accessories.

Engraving shop

Looking for a great going-away gift? — We can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

Wood shop

Editor's note: Hard woods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

Beginning woodworking — see page A1 for more information.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Dec. 5. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Dec. 12. \$25 includes materials and tool use.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

Collection site — for privately owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids. No tires or batteries.

Tire service/air machine — coin-operated, available 24-7. Located at the vacuum station.

Vehicle storage lot — store your vehicle with us when going on temporary duty.

24-hour coin-operated car care — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Wondering what's on the menu today? — Call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463) for daily menu.

Monthly birthday celebration — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting Basic Allowance for Subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.



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8 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M. DEC. 31
AT VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER
FOR NPS STUDENTS ONLY.

PARTY FAVORS!
ENTERTAINMENT!
FREE ADMISSION!

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: Located in Locker House, Building 3101 on C Street. For more information, call 377-3189.

Child care slots — available now. Call for assistance in locating a provider.

Air Force Aid Society programs — pay for child care for volunteers working on base, and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are making a permanent change of station. For eligibility and guidance, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

Returning home care — for children ages 12 and younger. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to members, returning after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week rest and relaxation leave.

Be your own boss — we're recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

Expanded duty care — assists families in obtaining child care from licensed or affiliated providers when weekly parental workloads, due to extended duty hours, exceed the standard 50 hours of care a week that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-4355.

"UBU" house party — 8 p.m. Dec. 11. Nonprior service students show your UBU card and be eligible for prizes and free food. Hosted by Air Forces Clubs.

Free pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays 9-ball, 7 p.m. Wednesdays 8-ball.

Free movie night — Wednesdays. New releases. Free popcorn.

Late night dances — 6:30-midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. Nonprior service students only. No dances Dec. 19-30 due to the holiday.

Birthday dance — 6:30-midnight Dec. 18. Nonprior service students with December birthdays enter the dance free.

Nonprior service students' web page — log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, in the right hand column click on Leon the chameleon for the "UBU" link to programs tailored especially for you.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment call, 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the vet clinic.

Sick call and vaccines — by appointment only, call to schedule.

Health certificates — available for interstate and overseas travel.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116. All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

Holiday camps — see page A1 for more information.

Basketball registration — continues through Dec. 12 for boys and girls ages 5-15. \$50 for first child, \$25 for each additional child. Fee includes uniform, participation award, two practices weekly, Saturday games and certified coaches and officials.

TRAIL/Keystone Club — 6-8 p.m. Mondays for ages 13-18.

Tap, ballet, and acrobatics class — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for ages 3 and older. \$50 per month, call to enroll.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more.

Taekwondo classes — for ages 6-12. Students will attend two classes weekly, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. \$50 monthly fee.

Guitar, piano and gymnastics classes — available, call for more information.

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